

**Amendment No. 34 to HB7001**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 7001\***

**House Bill No. 7001**

By adding the following new section to be appropriately numbered and by renumbering remaining sections accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_.

(a) The general assembly recognizes that the library and archives division of the office of the secretary of state currently records or causes to be recorded, audio of all house and senate floor sessions, all house and senate standing committee meetings, oversight meetings and some sub-committee meetings. The general assembly further recognizes that audio of those sub-committee meetings held in the legislative plaza which are not recorded by the office of the secretary of state are recorded or caused to be recorded by staff of the general assembly and provided to the division of library and archives in the office of the secretary of state. It is the intent of the general assembly that this practice shall continue, and the secretary of state is directed to consider expanding recording operations to fully record the proceedings of the general assembly and its committees and subcommittees.

(b) The general assembly recognizes that staff of the general assembly currently posts on the official website of the general assembly the final action votes taken on legislation by standing committees and sub-committees. It is the intent of the general assembly that this practice shall continue.

(c) The general assembly recognizes that instructions on how to look up final action votes on legislation for the house and senate, for standing committees and sub-committees is posted on the official general assembly website. It is the intent of the general assembly that this practice shall continue. It is the further legislative intent that house and senate final action floor votes on legislation recorded by the electronic voting system shall be posted to the official general assembly website in journal form or other

appropriate form in a timely fashion, taking into consideration cross checks for accuracy that must be completed to ensure accuracy prior to such posting.

(d) The 104th general assembly must recognize that the appellate courts of Tennessee, in specifically considering the open meetings law, have unequivocally ruled that Article II, Section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee prevents this or any other general assembly from statutorily binding a future general assembly on rules of proceedings. Therefore, this general assembly must truthfully acknowledge that the provisions of this section can be legally binding only for the duration of the 104th general assembly. However, each future general assembly is strongly encouraged and vigorously urged to adopt rules incorporating provisions no less stringent than the provisions of this section.